REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being

unpatentable over (U.S. Patent No. 4,623,082) to Kurosawa in view of (U.S. Patent No.

5,700,003) to Sung.

Claims 2, 5, 8, and 11 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim,

but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the

base claim and any intervening claims.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Claims 2, 5, 8, 11, and 15-18 have been amended. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12-14

have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 2, 5, 8, 11, and 15-18

are presently pending.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter

in claims 2, 5, 8 and 11. However, claims 2, 5, 8 and 11 stand objected to as being dependent

upon a rejected base claim. Applicant has amended claims 2, 5, 8, and 11 as indicated by the

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Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claims 2, 5, 8, and 11 be withdrawn and the claims pass to allowance.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over (U.S. Patent No. 4,623,082) to <u>Kurosawa</u> in view of (U.S. Patent No. 5,700,003) to <u>Sung</u>. Applicants have canceled claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12-14 without disclaimer or prejudice in order to further prosecution of the present application. Thus, the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12-14 has been rendered moot. Applicant has also amended claims 15-18 to depend from claims 8 and 11, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

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